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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*without reference to a Main Committee (A/58/L.65)*]

58/313. Organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting to review the progress achieved in realizing the commitments set out in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution S-26/2 of 27 June 2001, entitled "Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS", in which it decided to devote sufficient time and at least one full day of the annual session of the General Assembly to review and debate a report of the Secretary-General,

Bearing in mind that the Declaration of Commitment contains time-bound commitments to be met by 2005, and noting that more complete data on fulfilment of the 2005 targets will be available for comprehensive review in 2006,

Recalling that in its resolution 58/236 of 23 December 2003, entitled "Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS", the General Assembly decided to hold a high-level meeting in 2005 to review the progress achieved in realizing the commitments set out in the Declaration of Commitment, and decided also that the scheduling, format, participation, including civil society participation, and other organizational details would be further considered during the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly,

Recalling also its resolution 58/291 of 6 May 2004 entitled "Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit and integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields",

1. *Decides* that the high-level meeting to review the progress achieved in realizing the commitments set out in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS will be convened on 2 June 2005 and will have a technical focus with the aim of identifying the level of progress achieved, problems and constraints facing the full realization of those commitments and the prospects for achieving them and for sharing best practices;

2. *Decides also* that the review will, inter alia, contribute to the high-level plenary meeting, to be held in New York at the commencement of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly in 2005, to undertake a comprehensive review of

the progress made in the fulfilment of all the commitments contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[1] including the internationally agreed development goals and the global partnership required for their achievement, and of the progress made in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields;

3. *Decides further* that the organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting will be as follows:

(*a*) The high-level meeting will comprise opening and closing plenary meetings and interactive round tables covering areas related to the implementation of the Declaration of Commitment, particularly prevention, treatment, care and support, human rights including gender, orphans and resources;

(*b*) The opening plenary meeting will set the stage for the subsequent discussions and feature statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General and the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS;

(*c*) A representative nominated by each of the five regional groups will chair each round table, with the support of the executive heads of the co-sponsoring agencies of the Joint Programme;

(*d*) In addition to Member States, observers, representatives of the entities of the United Nations system, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and non-governmental members of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint Programme, invitations to the round tables will be extended to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and not more than fifteen civil society representatives of international, national or community organizations, including those representing and working for people living with HIV/AIDS, and the private sector, including pharmaceutical companies. The President of the General Assembly, following appropriate consultations with Member States, will draw up a list of those civil society representatives, on the basis of the recommendations of the Joint Programme and taking into account the principle of geographical representation, and will submit the list to Member States for consideration on a no-objection basis for a final decision by the Assembly on participation;

(*e*) In order to ensure interactive and substantive discussions of high quality, participation in each round table will be limited to a maximum of forty to forty-five participants;

(*f*) Every effort will be made to ensure equitable geographical representation in each round table, while taking into account the importance of ensuring a mix of countries in terms of size, HIV prevalence rates and levels of development;

(*g*) Participation of Member States and observers will be limited to one round table, and each Member State representative may be accompanied by two advisers;

(*h*) Participation by accredited and invited civil society representatives will be limited to one round table, and participation will not exceed five representatives in each round table;

[1] See resolution 55/2.

(*i*) The Chairmen of the round tables will submit summaries to the President of the General Assembly reflecting the views expressed during the discussions;

(*j*) The President of the General Assembly will present the summaries of the round-table discussions to the closing plenary meeting, and they will be submitted to the 2005 high-level event planned in pursuance of resolution 58/291;

4. *Decides* that the arrangements outlined in paragraph 3 (*d*) above shall in no way create a precedent for other similar events;

5. *Decides also* that the President of the General Assembly, with support from the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS and in consultation with Member States, will finalize the details and scheduling of the round tables, several of which are expected to take place concurrently, and any outstanding organizational matters.

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58/314. Participation of the Holy See in the work of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling that the Holy See became a Permanent Observer State at the United Nations on 6 April 1964, and since then has always been invited to participate in the meetings of all the sessions of the General Assembly,

Recalling also that the Holy See is a party to diverse international instruments, including the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations,[1] the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties,[2] the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees[3] and the Protocol thereto,[4] the Convention on the Rights of the Child[5] and the Optional Protocols thereto,[6] the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment,[7] the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,[8] the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict,[9] the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property,[10] the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,[11] the main disarmament treaties and the Geneva Conventions[12] and the Additional Protocols thereto,[13]

Recalling further that the Holy See enjoys membership in various United Nations subsidiary bodies, specialized agencies and international intergovernmental

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[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 500, No. 7310.
[2] Ibid., vol. 1155, No. 18232.
[3] Ibid., vol. 189, No. 2545.
[4] Ibid., vol. 606, No. 8791.
[5] Resolution 44/25, annex.
[6] Resolution 54/263, annexes I and II.
[7] Resolution 39/46, annex.
[8] Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.
[9] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 249, No. 3511.
[10] Ibid., vol. 828, No. 11851.
[11] Ibid., vol. 729, No. 10485.
[12] Ibid., vol. 75, Nos. 970–973.
[13] Ibid., vol. 1125, Nos. 17512 and 17513.

organizations, including the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the World Intellectual Property Organization, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization and the International Committee of Military Medicine,

Aware that the Holy See actively participates as an observer in many of the specialized agencies, such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Labour Organization, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the World Tourism Organization, as well as in the World Trade Organization, that it is a full member of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and a Guest of Honour in its Parliamentary Assembly, and that it participates as an observer in various other regional intergovernmental organizations, including the Council of Europe, the Organization of American States and the African Union, and is regularly invited to take part in the main meetings of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization,

Aware also that the Economic and Social Council, by its decision 244 (LXIII) of 22 July 1977, recommended that the Holy See attend sessions of the regional commissions on a basis similar to that provided for in the relevant terms of reference applicable to States Members of the United Nations not members of the regional commissions,

Recalling that the Holy See contributes financially to the general administration of the United Nations in accordance with the rate of assessment for the Holy See as a non-member State, as adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003,

Considering that it is in the interest of the United Nations that all States be invited to participate in its work,

Desirous of contributing to the appropriate participation of the Holy See in the work of the General Assembly in the context of the revitalization of the work of the Assembly,

1. *Acknowledges* that the Holy See, in its capacity as an Observer State, shall be accorded the rights and privileges of participation in the sessions and work of the General Assembly and the international conferences convened under the auspices of the Assembly or other organs of the United Nations, as well as in United Nations conferences as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform the General Assembly during the current session about the implementation of the modalities annexed to the present resolution.

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The rights and privileges of participation of the Holy See shall be effected through the following modalities, without prejudice to the existing rights and privileges:

1. The right to participate in the general debate of the General Assembly;

2. Without prejudice to the priority of Member States, the Holy See shall have the right of inscription on the list of speakers under agenda items at any plenary meeting of the General Assembly, after the last Member State inscribed on the list;

3. The right to make interventions, with a precursory explanation or the recall of relevant General Assembly resolutions being made only once by the President of the General Assembly at the start of each session of the Assembly;

4. The right of reply;

5. The right to have its communications relating to the sessions and work of the General Assembly issued and circulated directly, and without intermediary, as official documents of the Assembly;

6. The right to have its communications relating to the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under the auspices of the General Assembly issued and circulated directly, and without intermediary, as official documents of those conferences;

7. The right to raise points of order relating to any proceedings involving the Holy See, provided that the right to raise such a point of order shall not include the right to challenge the decision of the presiding officer;

8. The right to co-sponsor draft resolutions and decisions that make reference to the Holy See; such draft resolutions and decisions shall be put to a vote only upon request from a Member State;

9. Seating for the Holy See shall be arranged immediately after Member States and before the other observers when it participates as a non-member State observer, with the allocation of six seats in the General Assembly Hall;

10. The Holy See shall not have the right to vote or to put forward candidates in the General Assembly.

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/474/Add.1)*]

58/315. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2006 (XIX) of 18 February 1965 and all other relevant resolutions,

Recalling also, in particular, its resolutions 57/336 of 18 June 2003 and 57/129 of 11 December 2002,

Affirming that the efforts of the United Nations in the peaceful settlement of disputes, including through its peacekeeping operations, are indispensable,

Convinced of the need for the United Nations to continue to improve its capabilities in the field of peacekeeping and to enhance the effective and efficient deployment of its peacekeeping operations,

Considering the contribution that all States Members of the United Nations make to peacekeeping,

Noting the widespread interest in contributing to the work of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations expressed by Member States, in particular troop-contributing countries,

Bearing in mind the continuous necessity of preserving the efficiency and strengthening the effectiveness of the work of the Special Committee,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations;[1]

2. *Endorses* the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee, contained in paragraphs 29 to 177 of its report;

3. *Urges* Member States, the Secretariat and relevant organs of the United Nations to take all necessary steps to implement the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee;

[1] A/58/19. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 19*.

4. *Reiterates* that those Member States that become personnel contributors to the United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chairman of the Special Committee, become members at the following session of the Special Committee;

5. *Decides* that the Special Committee, in accordance with its mandate, shall continue its efforts for a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects and shall review the implementation of its previous proposals and consider any new proposals so as to enhance the capacity of the United Nations to fulfil its responsibilities in this field;

6. *Requests* the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects".

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*without reference to a Main Committee (A/58/L.66)*]

58/316. Further measures for the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 58/126 of 19 December 2003 on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly,

Recalling also its previous resolutions relating to the revitalization of its work,

1. *Decides* to adopt the text contained in the annex to the present resolution;

2. *Determines* to continue with efforts for the revitalization of its work;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on all aspects of the implementation of resolution 58/126 and the present resolution to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session.

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A. Reordering the work of the General Assembly

1. Recalling section B, paragraph 2, of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/126 of 19 December 2003, and having reviewed the note by the Secretariat entitled "Options for the rescheduling of the Main Committees of the General Assembly",[1] it is decided that:

(*a*) The consideration of the implementation of paragraph 2 of section B of the annex to resolution 58/126 shall be deferred until its fifty-ninth session, taking into account the views expressed as well as the suggestions made by Member States in the context of the deliberations of the open-ended meetings of the General Committee during the fifty-eighth session;

(*b*) With effect from the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly, the meetings of the plenary Assembly shall normally be held on Mondays and Thursdays.

[1] A/58/CRP.3.

B. Organization of the agenda of the General Assembly

2. Recalling section B, paragraph 4, of the annex to resolution 58/126, and having reviewed the note by the Secretariat entitled "Illustrative agenda of the General Assembly",[2] and taking into account the views expressed by Member States on the matter, it is decided that:

(*a*) Pursuant to paragraph 4 of section B of the annex to resolution 58/126, the agenda of the General Assembly shall be organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization, as contained in the medium-term plan for the period 2002–2005[3] (or in the strategic framework, as appropriate), with an additional heading for "Organizational, administrative and other matters" for the purpose of giving a sense of structure to the work of the Assembly, achieving a better presentation of the issues and challenges with which the Assembly deals and making the work of the Assembly more accessible, with the understanding that the new arrangement will not prejudge the way in which the work of the Assembly is organized and carried out;

(*b*) The headings of the agenda shall consequently be:

(i) Maintenance of international peace and security;

(ii) Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences;

(iii) Development of Africa;

(iv) Promotion of human rights;

(v) Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts;

(vi) Promotion of justice and international law;

(vii) Disarmament;

(viii) Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations;

(ix) Organizational, administrative and other matters;

(*c*) The General Committee shall make recommendations, after consultation with Member States, to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session on the placement of the agenda items for the fifty-ninth session under the headings set out above, with a view to making the new arrangement effective;

(*d*) The provisions of the present section shall be reviewed by the General Assembly at its sixty-first session with a view to making further improvements, as appropriate.

C. Practices and working methods of the Main Committees

3. Recalling section B, paragraph 8, of the annex to resolution 58/126, and having reviewed the note by the Secretariat entitled "Historical and analytical note on the practices and working methods of the Main Committees",[4] recalling that the

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[2] A/58/CRP.4.

[3] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/55/6/Rev.1).

[4] A/58/CRP.5.

Main Committees are bound by the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and taking into account the views expressed by Member States on the matter, it is decided that:

(*a*) Each Main Committee shall give specific attention to the rationalization of their future agendas by the biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items, and make recommendations to the plenary Assembly for its decision by 1 April 2005;

(*b*) Each Main Committee shall adopt a provisional programme of work at the end of the session for the next session to help them better to plan, prepare and organize and, in this context, review the related documentation requirements;

(*c*) The practice of interactive debates and panel discussions shall be utilized or expanded, as appropriate, by all Main Committees so as to enhance informal, in-depth discussions and to bring together experts from various fields without prejudicing the progress of the substantive work of the Main Committees;

(*d*) The practice of "question time" shall be introduced, as appropriate, in all Main Committees to enable a dynamic and candid exchange with heads of departments and offices, representatives of the Secretary-General and special rapporteurs;

(*e*) The web sites of the Main Committees shall be enhanced and thereafter regularly updated and their content maintained by the secretariats of the Main Committees;

(*f*) The bureaux-elect of the Main Committees shall meet immediately after their election in order to discuss the organization and division of their work;

(*g*) With a view to ensuring the continuity and the effective organization of their work, the incoming bureaux of the Main Committees shall, no later than two weeks after their election, meet with the outgoing bureaux in order to consult on and review issues relating to the efficient functioning of the Main Committees;

(*h*) Prior to the opening of each session, informal briefings of each Main Committee shall be convened to discuss the organization of work.

D. Review of the agenda of the General Assembly

4. Recalling section B, paragraph 5, of the annex to resolution 58/126, having reviewed the note by the Secretariat entitled "Analysis of the agenda of the General Assembly",[5] which provides factual information on the frequency of consideration, origin and history of action on the 333 items and sub-items on the agenda, taking into account the views expressed by Member States, and following consultations with concerned Member States, it is decided that:

(*a*) The items entitled "Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development" and "Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields" shall be eliminated from the agenda;

(*b*) The items entitled "Question of Cyprus", "Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo", "Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)", "The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti", "Armed Israeli aggression

[5] A/58/CRP.6.

against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security", "Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait", and "Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986" shall remain on the agenda for consideration upon notification by a Member State;

(*c*) The item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council" shall be considered in its entirety in plenary;

(*d*) While remaining on the agenda of the plenary, the sub-item entitled "Sport for peace and development: Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal" shall be considered every other year and the items entitled "Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin" and "Elimination of unilateral extraterritorial coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion" shall be considered every three years;

(*e*) The item entitled "Information and communication technologies for development" and the sub-item entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions" shall be allocated for annual consideration in the Second Committee;

(*f*) The item entitled "Towards global partnerships" shall be allocated for consideration every other year in the Second Committee;

(*g*) The sub-item entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: Participation of volunteers, 'White Helmets', in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development" shall be allocated for consideration every three years in the Second Committee;

(*h*) The item entitled "Global road safety crisis" shall be allocated for consideration every other year in the Third Committee;

(*i*) The item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples" shall be allocated for annual consideration in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee);

(*j*) The item entitled "Assistance in mine action" shall be allocated for consideration every other year in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee);

(*k*) The item entitled "University for Peace" shall be allocated for consideration every three years in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee);

(*l*) Bearing in mind that the General Assembly decided in resolution 55/285 of 7 September 2001 to cluster all cooperation items under one item, to make individual cooperation items sub-items and to hold a joint debate for all sub-items, the Secretary-General shall submit a single consolidated report under the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations";

(*m*) The adjustments outlined in the paragraphs above shall take effect beginning with the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly;

(*n*) The General Assembly shall monitor the effects of the adjustments outlined in the paragraphs above and continue to make efforts, as appropriate, to further streamline the agenda of the plenary.

E. General Committee

5. Recalling section B, paragraph 1, of the annex to resolution 58/126, having conducted a review of the work of the General Committee, and taking into account the views expressed by Member States on the matter, it is decided that:

(*a*) The work of the General Committee shall be carried out in accordance with section VI of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly;

(*b*) The General Committee shall continue to meet throughout the session and to play the leading role in advising the General Assembly on the efficient organization, coordination and management of its work;

(*c*) To ensure the effective implementation of rule 42 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the General Committee shall meet regularly throughout the session with the bureaux of the Main Committees to review the progress of the work of the Main Committees and to make recommendations for furthering such progress;

(*d*) In July of each year, the General Committee shall conduct a review of the proposed programme of work for the forthcoming session of the General Assembly, on the basis of a report to be submitted by the Secretary-General, and submit recommendations on the matter to the forthcoming Assembly. The report of the Secretary-General shall include information on the status of documentation to be issued during the forthcoming session;

(*e*) The General Committee, meeting in open-ended consultations, shall continue to consider the further biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items of the customary agenda of the General Assembly and make recommendations thereon to the Assembly during its fifty-ninth session;

(*f*) On the basis of proposals from the President of the General Assembly, and in the light of the positive experience during the fifty-eighth session, the General Committee shall be encouraged, as appropriate, to continue to schedule informal briefings on topical issues;

(*g*) At the beginning of each session, the General Committee, following recommendations from the President of the General Assembly, shall recommend to the Assembly a programme of, and format for, interactive debates on the items on its agenda;

(*h*) The General Committee shall continue to consider ways and means to further improve its working methods to increase its efficiency and effectiveness in all aspects, and make recommendations on the matter to the General Assembly for its decision by 1 April 2005.

F. Documentation

6. In the light of its decision in section B, paragraph 7, of the annex to resolution 58/126 that the heavy volume of documentation that is submitted to the General

Assembly for its consideration should be reduced, the Secretary-General is requested:

(*a*) To update the note by the Secretariat, entitled "Control and limitation of documentation",[6] in the light of the provisions of the present resolution;

(*b*) To submit the updated version of the note by the Secretariat for the consideration of the General Committee, meeting in open-ended consultations, so that it may make recommendations to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session;

(*c*) To take the necessary action to initiate the implementation of the provisions of paragraph 20 of resolution 57/300 of 20 December 2002, in which the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to start, on a trial basis, a consultative process with the President of the General Assembly and the Chairmen of the Main Committees of the Assembly at the end of the main part of each session of the Assembly, with a view to consolidating reports on related subjects, if decided by the Main Committees.

[6] A/58/CRP.7.